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SUBJECT: INDIA-IRAQI RELATIONS

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1. INDIAN EMBOFF TOLD ME INDIAN PLANNING MINISTER DHAR WAS PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF JANUARY VISIT TO IRAQ. VISIT HAD STARTED OFF COLDLY AT MINISTERIAL/TECHNOCRAT LEVEL WITH NO SPECIAL TREATMENT BEING OFFERED ON OIL PRICE OR QUANTITY. HOWEVER, AFTER DHAR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT BAKR AND RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN, OFFICIAL POSITION CHANGED. GOI OFFERED TO SUPPLY INDIA THROUGH 1985, BEGINNING AT PREFERENTIAL PRICE FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1974 OF 10 DOLS PER BARREL. INDIANS OFFERED 8. IRAQIS THEN CAME DOWN TO 8.50 WHICH THEY CLAIMED IS
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SAME PRICE THEY CHARGING RUSIANS. INDIA WOULD

PAY CASH FOR AS MUCH S POSSIBLE, THEN PAY IN GOODS
UP TO CERTAIN AMOUNT, AND REMAINDER WOULD BE CONSIDERED
LONG TERM LOAN. AGREEMENT NOT YET REACHED BUT ON FEB 4
GOI GAVE INDIAN EMBASSY DRAFT WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO
DELHI FOR COMMENT.

2. INDIAN EMBOFF ATTRIBUTED IRAQI SPECIAL TREATMENT TO
FACT THAT IRAQ WANTS TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA.
IRAQI LEADERS HAD SAID IRAQ'S PARAMOUNT FOREIGN PARTNERS
ARE USSR AND INDIA AND IT WOULD LIKE TO FORMALIZE
RELATIONSHIP WITH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.
IRAQ IS DISTURBED BY INDIAN RELUCTANCE AND HOPES TO
OVERCOME IT. IRAQ IS PRESSING FOR VISIT BY PM
GANDHI IN RESPONSE TO 4 YEAR OLD INVITATION. PM'S
ADVISORS HAVE COUNSELLED AGAINST HER VISIT ON GROUNDS
IT WOULD GIVE RESPECTABILITY TO "MURDEROUS" REGIME.

3. MILITARY RELATIONSHIP CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND
NUMBER OF INDIAN AIR FORCE INSTRUCTORS NOW 35.
INDIAN CHIEF OF STAFF DUE TO VISIT IRAQ THIS MONTH.

4. PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF KEY IRAI OIL FIGURES,
CHAIRMAN OF STATE CONSULTING COMPANY FOR OIL
PRODUCTS DR. MEHDI AL-SHEIKH ALI, WILL HEAD DEL TO INDIA
WEEK OF FEB 10 TO DISCUSS INDIAN OIL COOPERATION.
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